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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY MEAT RESTRAINT PROGRAM

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED PROPOSAL TO RELY UPON ASSURANCES OF PRIVATE GROUP, IRISH FRESH MEAT EXPOETERS' SOCIETY LTD, IN ORDER TO FULFIL IRISH COMMITMENT UNDER THE VOLUNTARY MEAT RESTRAINT PROGRAM. OUR VIEW IS THAT SUCH PRIVATE ASSURANCE IS NOT RESPONSIVE TO SECTION 204 OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT.

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2. IRISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE ITS PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ONLY EXCHANGE OF NOTES REMAINS TO BE COMPLETED. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT GOI WILL PROCEED TO HONOR

ITS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND TO CONCLUDE WITH US FORMAL
ARRANGEMENT FOR BRINGING AGREEMENT INTO FORCE.

3. EEC HAS APPARENTLY ALREADY GIVEN ITS INFORMAL APPROVAL
OF UNDERTAKING AND DOES NOT OBJECT TO US-IRELAND EXCHANGE
OF NOTES. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT RULE OUT A POSSIBLE EXCHANGE
OF NOTES WITH EEC IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT
AGREEMENT, DEPARTMENT PREFERS DIRECT EXCHANGE WITH IRISH

GOVERNMENT AND BELIEVES THIS COURSE WOULD BE FAR LESS
CUMBERSOME THAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH EEC.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON ABOVE IN MAKING RENEWED EFFORT
TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH IRISH GOVERNMENT ON MEAT AGREEMENT
AS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO IN NEGOTIATIONS IN
WASHINGTON. WE ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY'S LATEST ASSESSMENT
OF SITUATION. INGERSOLL

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